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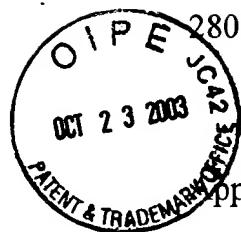
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Thank you,
Mike Bergnach

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Applicant: Sasaki et al.

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Serial No.: 09/398,126

20 Oct 03 
Date: Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 29,367

Filed: September 16, 1999

For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY
APPARATUS HAVING
ALIGNMENT CONTROL FOR
BRIGHTNESS AND RESPONSE)

Group Art Unit: 2871

Examiner: Dudek, James A.

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF
ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants' attorney hereby certifies through the evidence exhibited below that the Notice of Allowance for the about-identified application was not received, because it was mailed to the wrong address, and consequently, Applicants did not timely pay the issue fee, which resulted in the application becoming abandoned. Further, Applicants request that the Office mail a new Notice of Allowance to the correct address, and, in doing so, reset the time period for payment.

Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Allowance for the above-identified application having an incorrect correspondence mailing address. The address on the Notice of Allowance is 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 8660, Chicago, IL 60606. The correct correspondence address at the time of the mailing was 300 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 2500, Chicago, IL 60606. Therefore, the Notice of Allowance was mailed to the wrong address.

The Applicants' attorney made several requests to change the correspondence address before the Notice of Allowance was mailed. On February 19, 2002 and April 15, 2003, requests for a change of address were mailed to the PTO. Copies are enclosed with postcard receipts. Also, on August 29, 2003, because the correspondence address still had not been changed, our staff resent a copy of the April 15 Request to the PTO via fax. The correspondence address was finally changed on September 15, 2003. The Notice of Allowance was mailed on July 1, 2003, which is before the correspondence address was actually changed by the PTO. Therefore, the Applicants' attorney never received the Notice of Allowance due to the failure of the PTO to change its records, and through no fault of Applicants.

Applicants' attorney's office staff found that the Notice of Allowance was mailed only through routine check of the status of the application on October 8, 2003. A group 2800 customer service representative sent a copy of the Notice of Allowance to the attorney's office at that time.

To further establish that Applicants' attorneys never received the Notice of

Allowance, enclosed is a statement from Patrick G. Burns, the attorney for Applicants. His statement attests to the fact that through a search of the file for the above-identified application and of the corresponding docket records, the Notice of Allowance was not found and there was no evidence indicating that it was ever received. Additionally, the enclosed docket records show that this case (file no.: 2803.63294) was waiting for a response to a previously filed RCE. (Applicants filed a RCE on April 8, 2003.) No dates, however, were docketed for the Notice of Allowance. Enclosed are printouts from September 30, 2003 through October 4, 2003 comprising every event docketed at the attorney's office. If the Notice of Allowance had been received and docketed, it would appear in the docket record on October 1, 2003, which is three months from its mailing date.

The usual practice when the attorney's staff receives a Notice of Allowance is to enter the mailing date into field No. 6 on the docket record for a response to the amendment. This date completes the record. Next, a new docket record is generated from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance to remind the attorney of the corresponding due date. In this case, neither of the above actions happened, which provides evidence that the Notice of Allowance was never received by the attorney's office and hence, never docketed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required for this application to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. However, the above showing should sufficiently indicate that the Notice of Allowance was sent to the wrong address and, likewise, the Office should mail a new Notice of Allowance without a charge for the petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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October 20, 2003

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STATEMENT OF PATRICK G. BURNS

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

I, Patrick G. Burns, attest to the following:

1. I am licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois, and I am registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO"). I have primary responsibility for the above-referenced application. I am assisted by the staff and several attorneys of Greer, Burns & Crain, Ltd., ("GBC").

2. GBC has established procedures for processing papers sent to and received from the PTO in connection with patent applications. Among other things, all

documents received from the PTO are date stamped by the mailroom, and given to the docketing department with the file. Relevant dates are entered into a computer database, and the dates entered are independently verified. For applications like the present application, a copy of the document is immediately sent to the client. The file is then given to someone for action, if needed.

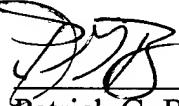
3. A Notice of Allowance was mailed to the wrong address for the above-identified case and never received at GBC. During a routine check of the status of the above-identified file conducted between GBC staff and a group 2800 customer service representative at the PTO, it was discovered that a Notice of Allowance was mailed on July 1, 2003. A subsequent search of the file was conducted to locate the Notice of Allowance. The search revealed, however, that there was no evidence of a Notice of Allowance in the file and, according to the file, it was never received. The group 2800 customer service representative faxed the Notice of Allowance to GBC staff. The mailing address printed on the Notice of Allowance was an incorrect and old address, of which GBC had previously requested a change. Requests for change of address were mailed to the PTO from GBC multiple times on February 19, 2002 (Exh. A), April 15, 2003 (Exh. B), and August 29, 2003 (Exh. C). The request for address change was finally processed, and the address was changed on September 15, 2003, despite all of GBC's efforts to properly inform the PTO of a new correspondence address.

4. Prior to the current missing Notice of Allowance, the above-identified file was properly docketed at GBC. In this case, the last substantial correspondence between the PTO and GBC was a RCE mailed on April 8, 2003 in response to an Advisory Action mailed on April 2, 2003 (Exh. D). A search of the GBC docket record revealed that the docket clerk properly docketed the RCE according the normal routine. Likewise, according to the docket record, the status of the case was due to be routinely checked on October 8, 2003 (Exh. D). The docket record shows no evidence that the Notice of Allowance was received and entered into the docket system on July 1, 2003. Also, the docket record shows that no reminder dates were generated for the issue fee due date of October 1, 2003 (Exh. E).

5. GBC's failure to respond to the July 1, 2003 Notice of Allowance and timely pay the issue fee by October 1, 2003 was due to the failure to receive the Notice of Allowance and not due to any errors on our part.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed: 20 Oct 03



Patrick G. Burns

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) *F-CLASS.WCM Attorney for Applicants*
) *Appr. February 20, 1998*

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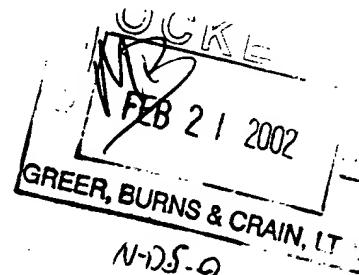
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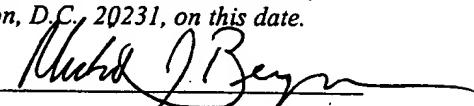
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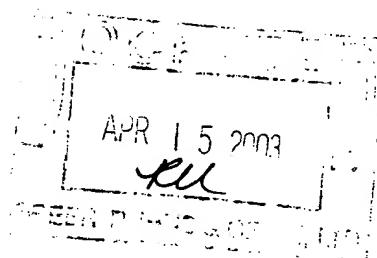
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